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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re **PATENT** application of:

Applicant: Kevin C. Schramm
Application No.: 09/652,627
For: AIRCRAFT HEATED FLOOR PANEL
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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION DATED JUNE 4, 2002

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the non-final Office Action mailed on June 4, 2002.

REMARKS

In view of the following remarks, further and favorable consideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 1, 4, 6, 10, and 19-23 are rejected as being obvious over U.S. Patent No. 3,697,728 to Stirzenbecher in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,374,312 to Damron.

Stirzenbecher discloses a panel 10 comprising a honeycomb glass fiber core 12, a heating element 22 consisting of resistive foil 24 embedded in an electrically insulating sheet 26, and cover sheets 14 and 16. (See Figure 1, below.) It may be noted for future reference that the heating element 22 is contained in an upper recess